

REMARKS

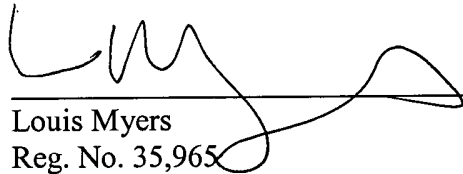
The applicants elect Group II, inclusive of claims 7, 48-65, 72-73, and 88-95 with traverse. Certain withdrawn claims are presently amended to depend from claim 7 directly or indirectly. The applicants respectfully request that the examiner rejoin these amended claims and claims dependent therefrom: in particular, claims 12, 15, 16, 18-28, 30-36, 40-41, 43-45, and 66-71.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 00246-260001.

Respectfully submitted,

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